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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-8 as shown in Attachment "A" hereto. Please add newly submitted dependent claim 9. A clean copy of the amended and newly submitted claims is herewith provided in Attachment "B".

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,777,634 to Okamura et al. in view of Japanese patent publication JP-11-0348385 to Mitsuhisa.

By this Response and Amendment claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are amended to clarify and thereby further differentiate the claimed invention over the cited prior art; claims 3-4 are amended to correct an error of antecedent basis; and newly submitted dependent claim 9 is added to claim a further attribute of the invention.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found throughout the originally filed application specification.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the above